



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN M. PEDERSEN

APPLICATION No.: 09/823,948

FILED: MARCH 30, 2001

FOR: DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES AND
PLATING MACHINES WITH DRY
CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR
PLATING MICROELECTRONIC
WORKPIECES

EXAMINER: BRIAN L. MUTSCHLER

ART UNIT: 1753

CONFIRMATION No: 7598

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance


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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed January 22, 2004, the Examiner allowed claims 1-70. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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